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SUBJ: BRASILIA MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND THE
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

REF: A. BA 4239; B. BA 4352; C. STATE 130621; D. STATE 126336

1. SUMMARY: GOA HAS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED AGENDA FOR MEETING.
IT MAY TRY TO DO SO IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN
DELS AT BRASILIA. ARG DEL IS SMALLER THAN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.
GOA APPEARS PREFER NOT CREATE NEW COMMISSION, BUT LEAVE MATTER
IN OAS FRAMEWORK, GOA ATTITUDES WILL LIKELY BE INFLUENCED BY
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DOMESTIC LAWS AND FEELINGS THAT IT BEST AVOID EXCESSIVE

"DEPENDENCY" ON FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REQUESTED REF C, SCIATT MET WITH FONOFF COUNSELOR MAROLLO FOR FOLLOWUP DISCUSSIONS ON ARGENTINE ATTITUDES TOWARD SUBJECT MEETING. AT THIS TIME HE ALSO PROVIDED LIST OF MEMBERS US DEL (REF D).

3. AGEND. GOA HAS NOT YET PREPARED AN AGENDA TO PROPOSE. IT HAD APPARENTLY NOT EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT UNTIL JUST RECEIVING WORD FROM ARG EMB/WASHINGTON FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH BOWDLER THAT IT MIGHT BE EXPECTED TODO SO. NOW TIME IS SHORT (JUN 20 A HOLIDAY HERE). IT STILL POSSIBLE ARGENTINA WILL PREPARE ONE AT LAST MINUTE AND PROPOSE IT AT MEETING. MAROLLO INDICATED HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD TRY SEEK SOME CONSENSUS OR AT LEAST SOME SUPPORT FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS BEFORE DOING SO.

4. ARGENTINE DEL. SMALLER DELEGATION WILL GO TO BRASILIA THAN WE WERE PREVIOUSLY TOLD (REF A AND B). ARGENTINE AMB TO BRASIL WILL BE HEAD. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR PLANNING OF FONOFF MINISTER RAUL CARLOS DESMARAS LUZURIAGO WILL ATTEND, AS WILL ALBERTO HAM AND DR. ANTONIO EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ. LATTER IS PHYSICIST FROM LA PLATA UNIVERSITY WHO ATTENDED RECENT ECOSOC CSTD MEETING IN NEW YORK. NO PRIVATE SECTOR REPS WILL ATTEND BRASILIA MEETING. THESE WILL PARTICIPATE IN LATER SESSIONS, IF WARRANTED.

5. NEW COMMISSION. IT APPEARS ARGENTINE POSIION WILL PROBABLY BE AGAINST CREATION OF NEW COMMISSION, RATHER IN TRYING TO DO MORE IN OAS FRAME. OUR VIEWS BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY GOA.

6. OVERALL ATTITUDES ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. ARGENTINA CONTROLS THE IMPORTATION OF TECHNOLOGY (NOT PRODUCTS, BUT LICENSES AND NEW LEGISLATION IN FIELD BEING CONSIDERED HERE BY CONGRESS. ATTITUDE (WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT BACKING WITHIN GOA) OF AVOIDING EXCESSIVE TECHNOLOGICAL "DEPENDENCE" ON US WILL LIKELY BE REFLECTED IN BRASILIA MEETING. ARGENTINA ASPIRES TO LATAM LEADERSHIP ROLE AS WELL SO MAY ALSO ATTEMPT TO SPEAK FOR OTHERS AND MAY TEMPER ITS OWN ATTITUDES WITH THOSE OF OTHERS (E.G. PERU).

7. FOLLOW-UP MECHANISMS FOR WORKING GROUP. GOA HAS NOT STRONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IDEAS. PREFERS AWAIT BRASILIA MEETING RESULTS.

8. PRIORITY AREAS. GOA PREFERS DEFER DEFINING THESE UNTIL THE MECHANISM IS DECIDED UPON.

9. OTHER DELEGATIONS. GOA HAS RECEIVED NO OTHER INFO TO DATE ON COMPOSITION OF OTHER DELS.

10. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT GOA SHARES USG
AND GOB WISHES THAT BRASILIA MEETING HAVE POSITIVE RESULTS AND
AVOID POLEMICS. US DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY. WE THINK
ARG DELS INSTRUCTIONS WILL ARRIVE LATE, BUT NONETHELESS SOME US
DEL-ARG DEL ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS, IF FEASIBLE, MAY PROVE
USEFUL TO SENSE EXTENT TO WHICH ARG DELS ROLE MAY BE HELPFUL.
IT POSSIBLE WE MAY HAVE MORE SUBSTANTIVE INFO HERE ON GOA
POSITONS ON JUN 21, IN WHICH CASE WE WILL TRANSMIT IT.
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